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GENERAL

- 1. The 1st Air Intelligence Service Organization (1st AISO) is the main translation agency for A-2, USFA. Its strength at the time of our visit was 13 officers and 50 enlisted men.
 - 2. The functions of AISO are twofold:
- a. Translation. The majority of translation requests come from the Scientific and Technical Branch, A-2, USAF. No copies of translations made are retained by AISO, and the original document is returned to the translation requestor. One of the current projects of AISO in July was the translation of selected articles from the Soviet zone press in an effort to determine Russian and German communist propaganda methods.
- b. Interrogation. The AISO also conducts interrogations on former prisoners of war who have been returned to Germany by the USSR and its satellites. The completed interrogations are sent to A-2, Department of Air, Washington, D. C. or to the Air Materiel Command, Wright Field, Ohio.
- 3. Its sources for foreign language material, other than those documents sent to it by agencies requesting translations, are the CIC in Berlin and a representative in Prague, Czechoslovakia who is probably in the Air Attache' section.

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. Arrangements should be made to receive copies of translations made by AISO or, if that is not possible, sufficient data concerning the translations in order that duplication by this agency can be prevented.

USAF review(s) completed.